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Injury from Accidental Mishaps

At Nellis Air Force Base this morning in a series of accidents involving F-4 Sabres, one pilot bailed out and the other riding his chute crashed through a crash barrier at Indian Springs Air Force Base. Lieutenant Robert Wilcox was ejected from his F-100 Super Sabre after reporting a "malfunction" and landed safely in a field about five miles north of Groom Lake, about 100 miles north of Las Vegas.

Atomic Energy Commission personnel in the area reported they had the pilot and were turning him out of the desert to a point where he could be picked up by Nellis rescue personnel.

The second, almost simultaneous accident, First Lieutenant Donald Murgatroyd crashed through the landing barrier at Indian Springs base when